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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS VISIT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS WILL BE ARRIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA ON AUGUST 10 FOR VISIT OF APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS: GEORGE ALLEN, OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT L.F. SIKES (D., FLA); DOUGLAS BULCAO, OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOE D. WAGGONER JR. (D., LA); AND JULIAN HOLLAND, OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAWSON MATHIS (D., GA). THE THREE STAFF MEMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY

MRS. BULCAO AND MRS. HOLLAND, WILL VISIT SOUTH AFRICA AT INVITATION OF ORGANIZATION CALLED SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, WHICH INCLUDES MR. WERNER ACKERMAN AMONG ITS MEMBERS. ACCORDING TO ALLEN, STAFF MEMBERS' INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WILL BE FUNDED BY CONGRESS WHILE TRAVEL WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE ASSOCIATION WHICH PROMISES TO PUT THE STAFF MEMBERS IN TOUCH WITH

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GOVERNMENT LEADERS, OPPOSITION LEADERS, INDUSTRIALISTS AND

OTHERS. VISIT WILL INCLUDE STOPS IN JOHANNESBURG, PRETORIA, CAPE TOWN, DURBAN, AND A HOMELAND. ALLEN INFORMED DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT HIS PARTY WILL LAND IN JOHANNESBURG ON AUGUST 10 AND PROCEED SAME DAY TO PRETORIA AND WILL OVER-

NIGHT IN BURGER PARK HOTEL. ITINERARY FOR VISIT WILL REPORTEDLY BE FURNISHED THEM UPON ARRIVAL.

2. ALLEN AND BULCAO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CALLING AT EMBASSY AND CONSULATES AND HAVE LIST OF NAMES OF OFFICERS AT EACH POST. ALLEN ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE AND NAVAL ATTACHE. (SIKES IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE AND IS APPARENTLY VERY INTERESTED IN SOUTH ATLANTIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL MATTERS).

3. DEPARTMENT (AF/S) OFFICER GAVE LENGTHY BRIEFING ON U.S.-SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY TO ALLEN AND BULCAO (HOLLAND HAD ALREADY DEPARTED WASHINGTON). BRIEFING INCLUDED REVIEW OF ARMS EMBARGO, NAVAL SHIP VISITS, EFFECT OF MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA, U.S.-SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, AND SOUTH AFRICAN RACIAL POLICIES. ALLEN AND BULCAO MENTIONED THEIR DESIRE TO DISCUSS THESE TOPICS FURTHER WHEN THEY CALL AT POSTS. OTHER THAN THESE CALLS, THE STAFF MEMBERS DO NOT ANTICIPATE MAKING ANY REQUESTS FOR POSTS' ASSISTANCE DURING VISIT.

4. DEPARTMENT OFFICER HAS INFORMED ALLEN AND BULCAO OF ACKERMAN'S PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES IN ARRANGING VISITS BY U.S. CONGRESSMEN. KISSINGER

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